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Utah Seeking Settlement with Chevron Over Willard Bay Diesel Fuel Spill

Public invited to comment on settlement terms

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) and the Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation have negotiated a \$5.35 million draft settlement agreement with Chevron Pipe Line Company in response to the diesel fuel spill that occurred earlier this year near Willard Bay State Park. The public is invited to review and comment on the draft settlement agreement now through Jan. 16, 2014.

The settlement will bring closure to the requirements outlined in the Notice of Violation and Compliance Order (NOV/CO) issued to Chevron on April 12, 2013, in response to the diesel fuel released near Willard Bay in March 2013.

“We believe the settlement is fair. Chevron will remain responsible to perform any additional cleanup if contamination from the spilled diesel fuel is found in the future,” said Walt Baker, director of DWQ. “Protecting park visitors and the park’s water quality are our priorities.”

Under the terms of the draft agreement, Chevron has agreed to the following terms:

- \$350,000 paid to the Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Quality as a civil penalty
- \$4,450,000 to fund mitigation projects aimed at improvements in related waterways and facilities. These projects are above and beyond any clean-up actions by Chevron.
- \$550,000 paid to the Department of Natural Resources Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation for lost use damages at the Willard Bay State Park following the spill.

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“We appreciate the work done by DWQ and Chevron in negotiating the settlement,” stated Fred Hayes, director of Utah State Parks. “We feel the settlement adequately addresses the problems caused by the spill.”

The 30-day comment period will run from Dec. 17, 2013, to Jan. 16, 2014. Written comments on the draft settlement document and related compliance order can be sent to Emily Bartusek at ebartusek@utah.gov, or P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870. Comments must be received before 5 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2014.

To review the draft settlement and compliance order, and learn about the Willard Bay diesel fuel spill, visit www.deq.utah.gov/locations/willardbay/willardbay.htm.

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